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See Attached Detailed Action

DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on November 8, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The claim objections to claim 17 in the last Office action have not been responded to. Further, in an effort to advance the examination of this application, applicant is also requested at this time to clarify the scope of amended claim 1, that is, whether the "apparatus" in the preamble of claim 1 is positively claiming a removable component, or whether the apparatus is only being claimed as being capable of permitting access to an inferentially claimed component.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd A. Gall whose telephone number is 703-308-0828 or after April 2005 at 571-272-7056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bagnell can be reached on 703-308-2151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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